It would be evident from the above that there was an increase under all the Heads of crime mentioned above except '406 IPC' in 1995 as compared with the position obtaining in 1994.

During the first six months of the year 1996, as compared with the latter half of the year 1995, there is a decline in the number of cases registered under the Heads—'Dowry death', '406 IPC', '498-A IPC', 'Dowry Prohibition Act' and 'Eve teasing' and a rise in the number of cases under the Heads—'Rape', 'Molestation' and 'Kidnapping/abduction'.

Sizeable increase in population, rapid urbanisation, changes in social and cultural attitudes of the people and emphasis on registration of crime are among the reasons for the increase in crime in general.

(c) and (d) The set up created for handling crime against women has been strengthened from time to time. Keeping in view the workload, the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Crime Against Women Cell, Nanakpura has submitted a proposal to the Delhi Police Headquarters for augmenting the strength of the Crime Against Women Cell, Nanakpura as well as the District Crime (Women) Cells.

Extradition treaty with gulf countries

*288. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dawood Ibrahim, Tiger Memon and other key accused in the Bombay blast case are yet to be nabbed;

(b) whether most of them are living in Gulf countries;

(c) whether we have failed to get them because we have no extradition treaty with these countries; and

(d) the reasons for not having such a treaty with all Gulf countries?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) to (d) 164 persons accused in the Bombay bomb blast case have already been arrested. 33 accused are still absconding including Dawood Ibrahim and Tiger Memon. Reliable reports are regularly being received from security agencies that a number of absconding accused are hiding in the Gulf and move from one city to the other in the Gulf including Dubai.

Government is actively pursuing with Government of UAE for finalising an Extradition Treaty. The Indian draft is being examined by UAE authorities. The existence of Extradition Treaty would greatly assist in completion of legal and other procedures required to be completed before a person can be extradited.

Negotiations for signing of Extradition Treaties is a bilateral process which requires approval of both the Governments concerned. Government of India is currently discussing Extradition Treaty arrangements with UAE, Oman and Bahrain in the Gulf.

Suspension of Work of National Highways in Rajasthan

*289. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that due to inadequate funds allotted to the State of Rajasthan many National Highways are in a dilapidated condition and repairing work has been suspended there;

(b) the total demand made by the Government of Rajasthan under Maintenance Grants and the amount till date provided to the State during the current financial year;

(c) whether the Government of Rajasthan had requested to declare (i) Bikaner—Merta—Ajmer—Bhilwara—